

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

## A BIG CROWD AT THE TEMPERANCE HEARING.

Largest Throng of the Season in the Hall of the House—Many Parts of the State Represented—Speeches by Charles E. Gross, the Veteran Editor Burr, Professor McCook, Bishop Tierney of Hartford, Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth and Judge Munger of Ansonia—The Meeting of the New Haven County Representatives—The County's Finances—Waterbury Court House—New Haven Jail—Many Bills Pass the House.

Hartford, March 13.—The hall of the house of representatives was crowded this afternoon as it has not been before at this session. Many temperance people from all over the state were present, including many ladies. It was a general hearing on the temperance committee bills. The members of the committee occupied seats on the speaker's platform.

Attorney Charles E. Gross of Hartford made quite a speech in favor of the bill giving to the superior court the granting of licenses. He also read a letter from Judge Dwight Loomis favoring the bill.

The next speaker introduced was Colonel A. E. Burr of the Hartford Times. Colonel Burr spoke of temperance matters in general and of the manner of granting licenses in Hartford county. He pointed out the workings of the present law and showed how it was not fit would be to the entire matter in the hands of the superior court. There were about 200 liquor licenses granted in this city. The great power of granting licenses in this state should not be allowed with the county commissioners. For one, he hoped that the former would be transferred to the superior court.

Prof. McCook of Trinity college was the next speaker. He said in part: "I am very glad to be here to-day to give my testimony in favor of these pending measures. The time has come when the people should consider this measure in its right light. The question is: 'Shall we be able to pay our debts if we go on at this rate?' I have found that 62 per cent. of the arrests in this county for a few years were from drunkenness. In the opinion of the people of this state who know best 70 per cent. of the pauperism of this state is due to drink. At least two-thirds of our vagabondage is due to drink. And so, wherever you go, drink is principally attributable to the evils of society. The real question is 'What is to be done about all this?' You have before you to-day certain bills, and in general they are the best that have been secured." Of course, in some details there might be improvement. We have reached a time where matters are about as bad as they can be, and it is my own belief that we will be benefited by these bills. County commissioners are envied by great temptations at times and it is better for them that the granting of licenses should be withdrawn from them. This is not an attack upon the liquor dealers. The trouble with them is that their business is overdone, and they are tempted to sell unlawfully. We have the right to say 'Gentlemen, we will save you from yourselves.'"

Bishop Tierney of Hartford was the next speaker, and as he rose he was warmly applauded. He said: "Almost any change in the manner of granting liquor licenses would be for the best. If this bill passes, a change will come. There are other features of the bill. High license is one feature. All you of the committee understand the evils of intemperance. Think of these evils and in the fear of Almighty God, I believe you will render a right judgment." (Applause.)

Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth when introduced was warmly applauded. He said: "In following the gentleman who has just sat down, I would add an amen and a 'God bless you' to the bishop of Hartford. (Applause.) In the first place I would like to ascertain how near we can come to an understanding on bills with our friends on the other side. There are several bills relating to the defect in some of the existing laws. We have found that one of the chief causes of lawlessness arises from the fact that we have not kept our faith entirely in granting licenses. We have more saloons in almost any city than can possibly pay. Many are driven into the Sunday business, or into immoral surroundings of the saloon that is deplorable. We should reduce the number of irresponsible liquor dealers. Every person in Connecticut who sells liquor should be a responsible man. This business should be taken out of the hands of the worst men in the community and placed in the hands of responsible men. It should be said in justice to the commissioners of New Haven that their work has been better conducted than in the previous six months when they were fresh from politics. Either these duties of issuing licenses should be modified, or taken from the commissioners all over the state entirely. It is high time that something should be done towards more precisely defining the duties of the commissioners. The excise powers are not properly lodged in the hands of the county commissioners and there are various reasons why this is so. The county commissioners' office is the place where the political eggs are hatched. How shall this power be transferred? Here we meet a very grave matter and I am ready to hear some propositions from the gentlemen on the other side. I doubt if it would load down the work of the courts to give them the power of issuing licenses. Any method of appointing that cannot be under the direction of the people, will prove offensive. Who shall appoint the commissioners who shall grant the licenses? The present commissioners of the state have been tried in the balance and found wanting. I do not believe that any political influence could be brought on the courts of the state in this matter. Do not put this matter in the hands of the county commissioners. We would prefer that the governor should appoint. The people of this state demand progress. We are not before you seeking entire prohibition, but we do want the upholding of the present license law seven days in the week. We do plea for a better licensing power."

The next speaker was Charles Hopkins of the Courant, who, in brief remarks, favored the proposed bills.

Judge Munger of Ansonia said that the courts of the state were in league with the law breakers and they were obliged to be. The chairman requested that the statement be repeated and Judge Munger's reply was greeted with applause.

Attorney Gross said he did not believe that Judge Munger in his remarks wished to reflect on the judiciary of the state.

Judge Munger replied that he had no such intention. What he wished to say was that the courts under the operation of their present machinery were compelled to act in the aid of law-breakers. He had the highest respect for the judiciary of the state.

Other speakers were Prof. Wright of Wesleyan, Rev. Dr. Bean of South Norwalk, Rev. E. S. Lines of New Haven, Rev. Dr. James of Hartford introduced the speakers.

Several members of the Liquor Dealers' association of the state were present; also their attorney, Judge Barbour of Hartford. Their side of the case will be heard later.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY MEETING. In the absence of Senator Johnson of New Haven, who had to attend to another committee meeting, Representative Tucker of Ansonia presided at the adjourned meeting of the New Haven county representatives this afternoon. Representative Cowell of Waterbury said the committee on the Waterbury court house had conferred, but in the absence of Representative Gunn of Milford, a member of the committee, he moved that the matter go over to next Wednesday at 1:35, and it was so ordered.

The jail matter then came up. County Treasurer Hiram Jacobs reported concerning the finances. He said: "It is true sometimes that our county is a dividend-paying institution. The only extraordinary expenses of the county for twenty years have been for the Housatonic river bridges. These extraordinary expenses amounted to \$210,000. During the latter part of that term there has been revenue from licenses, so that the net expenses above revenues have been about \$10,000 a year. If it is not desired to declare a tax sufficient to pay expenses of the jail addition, I would issue twenty-year 5 per cent. bonds. Then a tax of one-tenth of a mill this year and one-tenth next year would raise \$10,000 each year. To continue this tax would retire the bonds as they become due. To make an appropriation and depend upon the current revenues of the county would not answer in my opinion. The income of the county depends upon contingencies that can hardly be depended upon from year to year. A two mill tax would raise about \$200,000."

"What do you think of raising \$80,000 bonds for a court house in Waterbury?" Mr. Newton of Wallingford said there was no objection to issue over \$40,000. Mr. Jacobs said that Waterbury should have a court house at the hands of New Haven county. There were four counties in the state of lesser importance than the Waterbury judicial district. The proposition of Waterbury to pay one-half of the court house expenses was a very fair one. The towns of the district in Litchfield county should pay their share. New Haven should not pay the expenses of the richest towns in Litchfield county.

Architect Allen explained the plans of the county commissioners. It provides for taking out the work shop and placing new cells in that area. A new work shop and chapel would be built. The cost would be less than \$300,000.

These plans of the committee were explained by Architect Brown. This calls for a jail extension on the rear. The cost is estimated at less than \$100,000. It provides for 200 new cells, and the other plan, 150 cells.

The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday, April 19. The committee was requested at that time to report some plan with specifications. They will confer with the county commissioners with a view of an agreement.

THE HOUSE. In the house of representatives this afternoon a report was made on the bill providing that divorces may be granted when the use of morphine and opium is given as the cause. It was reported unfavorably and was rejected.

The bill providing that a child shall be named within three days from its birth was reported unfavorably. Mr. Clark of Haddam, who is ill with the grip, having sent a request that the bill be tabled, it was so ordered.

The bill to tax church property was reported unfavorably by the judiciary committee, and the bill rejected.

Other bills passed in the house were as follows: Incorporating the London Park association of Bridgeport, incorporating the Bristol Manufacturing company, incorporating the Builders' Exchange of New Haven, extending time for organization of American Brass company, incorporating Young Women's association of Meriden, authorizing Bridgeport Hydraulic company to increase its stock, incorporating the County club of Ridgefield, amending charter of the Birmingham Water company, incorporating the Branford Driving park association, incorporating Thames lodge, No. 13, A. O. U. W., of Groton, incorporating Short Beach Improvement association, paying George D. Winslow for expenses as dairy inspector, paying burial expenses of George W. Bryant, incorporating Hamden, Knowlton & Co., incorporating the Hartford Saengerbund, extending time for organizing Waterbury Trust and Safe Deposit company, incorporating the Granby Agricultural society, authorizing the governor to appoint a committee to revise the military laws, amending act relating to public libraries.

THE SENATE. In the senate this morning Hon. John M. Douglass of Middletown accepted the oath as senator from the Twenty-second district, succeeding Senator Pickering, deceased. Senator Douglass was heartily congratulated by scores of his friends who welcomed him to the circle of lawmakers with sincere pleasure. The senate club of the Twenty-second district presented Senator Douglass with a magnificent basket of roses and rare flowers.

A petition of the Fair Haven and Westville road for additional powers was reported favorably. It provides for the building of a single track electric line through Derby avenue, from Main street to Chapel street, and a line from Yale field through the highway along by West river to Chapel street. It also provides for a line on East street from Grand avenue to Water street and for a line from Forest street in Westville through private land to the highest point of land near Maltby lake. It provides also for a line through private land to the residence of Donald G. Mitchell; another line through Hamden to the top of West Rock, starting at a point near Springdale avenue, over West Rock and out to Wintergreen lake.

The senate rejected the bill providing for the election of the county commissioners by the people.

The committee on constitutional amendments, Senator Johnson chairman, heard those in favor of appointing a commission to prepare a new constitution and other bills relating to the election of state officers and the pay of members of the general assembly.

In the senate this morning Senator Coffey, chairman of the railroad committee, submitted an unfavorable report on the resolution calling for a reduction of fares on the Savin Rock branch of the Winchester avenue road. The report was accepted and the petitioners given leave to withdraw.

The judiciary committee has reported favorably a bill relating to the New York and New Haven railroad from double taxation, caused by taxation of the same stock in both Massachusetts and Connecticut in connection with the exchange of stock in the Old Colony merger.

BANK TELLER GOES WRONG. A Shortage of Ten Thousand Dollars Discovered—Was a Trusted Official—An Ex-President of the Hartford Wheel Club.

Hartford, Conn., March 13.—Banking circles here have been startled by another serious defalcation to-day. Louis A. Tracy, the secretary and acting teller of the Security company, is under arrest for embezzlement. The arrest was made at the bank on Pearl street about 11 o'clock this forenoon, and Mr. Tracy occupies a cell at the police station, bonds having not yet been secured. The amount of his shortage is said to be between \$9,000 and \$10,000. Mr. Tracy has been in the Security company for a number of years and was supposed to be one of its most trusted officers. He has been president of the Hartford Wheel club and is well known in society. A correspondent interviewed Tracy in his cell at the police station this afternoon. He refused to have anything to say about the amount of his shortage or what he had done with the money. He said the bank had not given him any opportunity to make good his shortage, that he offered to give up to them every cent of property he owned and make good the balance, but they would not listen to it. Judge W. F. Henney has been retained as his counsel.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM. New Haven Company Boys' Brigade. The following interesting program has been arranged by a committee of the Eleventh New Haven company. Boys' brigade, of Trinity M. E. church, for the evening of March 14:

Exhibition drill under the command of Captain Ed M. Willis. Hymn No. 234—"Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer.

Remarks—Captain Ed M. Willis. Hymn No. 208—"Dare to Do Right." Recitation—Miss Rebecca Harris. Piano Duet—Mr. F. W. Warren and Miss Turner.

Solo—Mr. C. A. Meers. Recitation—Miss Irene Everts. Mandolin Solo—Miss Holbrook. Solo—Miss Blydenburg. Recitation—Mr. E. S. Willis. Solo—Mr. Williams. Quartet.

The boys extend a hearty invitation to their many friends to come and spend the evening with them.

BIRTHDAY MEETING. At the City Mission Hall yesterday. Nearly a hundred members of the mothers' meeting, with their little children, and also some of the members of the woman's department of the City Missionary association, met yesterday afternoon at the large mission hall to celebrate the eightieth birthday of Mrs. Eleanor Shepard of 39 Clark street.

For a number of years past Mrs. Shepard has been very helpful in this part of the New Haven mission work, being also on special duty as hospital visitor. Light refreshments were served to all by ladies of the department, and in token of their love and remembrance was the gift to Mrs. Shepard of two vases of choice cut flowers from the mothers present through Mrs. Sturgess and Miss Hume. By vote of the meeting flowers were also sent to Mrs. Hannah D. Hume and Mrs. A. E. Lines, who were unable to be present on account of serious sickness.

Six Italians Killed. Cuchara Junction, Col., March 13.—A mob entered the Walsenburg jail early to-day and killed two more of the Italians charged with the murder of A. J. Hickson. In all six Italians have been killed.

Parkhurst Men Arrested. New York, March 13.—Agents Whitney and Bennett of the Parkhurst society were arrested to-day on charges of conspiracy to prosecute Detectives Jacobs and McManus. They were also out for Samuel Cohen, who figured in the cases. Burt Liss, who helped to arrest Jacobs and McManus, was also arrested.

A Case Settled. Bridgeport, March 13.—Beach Holger, who was sued for breach of promise by Miss Julia Sebastian, settled the case yesterday by marrying her. Miss Sebastian wanted Holger for \$800.

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Mr. Frank Wallace, a well known resident, died at his home in West Cheshire last Saturday.

Mr. Dennis Coleman, who had been sick for a few days with pneumonia, died Monday morning.

E. P. Owen and family, who have been spending the winter in Canada, have returned to their home here.

The number of births recorded in the town clerk's office for the year 1894 is 29, the number of marriages 14 and the number of deaths 23.

One hundred and fifty new chairs have been placed in the new Odd Fellows hall.

Mr. Jordan, the evangelist, gave a fine discourse in the Congregational church last Sunday both morning and evening. At the service in the evening the M. E. church united with the Congregational. On Monday Mr. Jordan visited in the Brookvale district and held a service in the evening. Tuesday evening he held a union meeting in the M. E. church. Wednesday he called on families in the east district and held a meeting in the evening in the school house. On Thursday he will call on the families in the southeast district and hold a meeting in the school house in the evening. On Friday evening he will conduct the service in the regular weekly prayer meeting in the chapel of the Congregational church. Saturday he will call on the families in the Union district, and hold service in the school house in the evening. On Sunday he will preach in the Congregational church, morning and evening.

The state board of agriculture will meet in the grange hall on Wednesday, March 20.

DECISION IS RESERVED. Motion for an Injunction in the Bay State Gas Company Case.

New York, March 13.—Roger A. Pryor, Jr., made a motion in the supreme court to-day before Judge Patterson for an injunction restraining Clark, Ward & Co. from buying any more of the stock of the Bay State Gas company under a pool agreement, and also restraining them from selling out certain stock of T. D. Hooper & Co. on the stock exchange under the rule. It appears from the papers that an agreement was entered into some time ago between the plaintiffs, T. D. Hooper & Co., and the defendants, Clark, Ward & Co., to enter into a pool for the purchase of Bay State Gas stock, and a pool agreement was signed by which each of the parties were to be managers of the pool, so that each could get customers for the stock, both of them to confer as to purchases. It is alleged that Clark went to Boston recently and bought 7,600 shares of the stock, which, it is claimed, was contrary to the agreement and a violation of the contract. On March 8 last Clark tendered to the plaintiffs 2,370 shares of the stock, stating that he bought them for the pool. Hooper refused to take them, and it is said that this tender means that they will sell Hooper out under the rule.

Mr. Pryor stated that the Hooper firm was entirely able to take the stock, but the grounds of the refusal was because it had been purchased in violation of the pool agreement.

Mr. Wellman opposed the motion, claiming that there was no intention on the part of the defendants to sell Hooper out under the rule.

Judge Patterson reserved his decision.

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